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Residence halls emerge after groundbreaking ceremony

BY JAY KUBICA
Co-Editor

Cement mixers, dump trucks, and other yellow vehicles have been sighted working at Saint Leo University, as construction of the new residence halls continues.

Construction began in November after a groundbreaking ceremony was held. The ceremony was small and brief, although a larger gathering will be held once the buildings are finished. Vice President of Business Affairs Frank Mezzanini was Master of Ceremonies, and both University President Dr. Kirk and Board of Trustees Chair Glen Greenfelder spoke. Father Michael Cooper, Assistant to the President for University Ministry, blessed the ground, and Father James Tingerthal, Apostolic Administrator of the Saint Leo Abbey, gave the invocation for the ceremony.

Currently, the developer of the residence halls, American Campus Communities, is excavating the site and laying the building pads. In addition, a detention pond is being placed in the "bowl" between the McDonald Center and Lake Jovita.

Construction of the new residence halls has begun in earnest. The halls will be completed by August 2003. (Courtesy SLU Public Relations)

"You have to have the water go somewhere instead of straight into the lake," explained Dr. Edward Dadez, Vice President of Student Affairs. "We have to clear off dirt and clay so we can lay sand, so the water will filter through the sand. Then, we'll recover it with dirt and plant grass."

The detention pond is an underground alternative to the retention pond, which would have blocked the view of Lake Jovita from the McDonald Center. The pond is needed offset the runoff from the additional residence halls.

There have been some negative side-effects to the construction effort. Less parking is now available for the current

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Game Show Works Against Drugs

Samaritans' drug jeopardy promotes awareness, education

BY MICHELLE BONNER
Special to the Lions' Pride

My stepfather was an alcoholic. I remember, vividly, one of our family vacations to Disney. While driving to our destination, my stepfather, who was completely wasted, started bothering with my brother. After awhile I switched seats with my brother, so my stepfather decided he would start in with me. I told him to leave me alone because I didn't want to deal with him in that state. Big mistake. He turned around, in his seat, and began to hit me with closed fists. My mother stopped the car and tried to pull him back. I moved into the back seat with my brother, face tear streaked. He lunged at us again, while his daughter cowered in her seat. My mom tried to pull him away, as he continued to hit us. All I could think about was death. The force behind his blows continually injured my soul. When he had finally finished, my mom pulled into a 7-11, and he kicked us out of the car. We got into my aunt's car, bruised and crying. The results of his brutality left my brother with a bloody nose and me with a completely purple (bruised) right arm, bruised hip, and rib.

I will never forget the look in his eyes. It was indeed indescribable. That day, he was a monster, a man who I have never known. I shall never forget the impact that trip had on my life. I will never forget the change that I saw in him. From that day on, I have been afraid for my life. He is like a time bomb waiting to explode, and I don't want to be there when he does.

This is a snippet from one of the stories told during Reality Check at the Samaritans' Alcohol Awareness program.

The Samaritans participated in Alcohol Awareness Week and put on a well-planned program called Drug Jeopardy. The program branched off into several different areas. There was the game, Drug Jeopardy, which featured contestants from the audience; Reality Check, which consisted of

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'Don't Stop Believing'

BY JASON TORRENTE
The South End (Wayne State U.)

(U-WIRE) DETROIT - Your conscience is calling. Mine is too. It's resolution time. Allegedly, we need to "better ourselves" somehow, starting on Jan. 1.

This year about 50 percent of Americans will make a New Year's Resolution, and about two thirds of these will be to either quit smoking or lose weight. Hats off to the people with the moxie to try and combine the two.

Next December, barely a handful of us will still be maintaining our resolution. Depressed yet? Since the numbers are already stacked against you, why make the change, right?

Well, health professionals say that it's pretty simple to line yourself up for success, just do the change right.

Step 1: Pre-contemplation — We have the problem, but have no intention of changing. (Here we usually jump to Step 4 and blow it).

Step 2: Contemplation — The problem is recognized, and we seriously think about changing. Start thinking of alternative behaviors we might exchange for our current behavior.

Step 3: Preparation — We intend to change, but not yet (maybe within a month). Think of some goals or rewards to work toward.

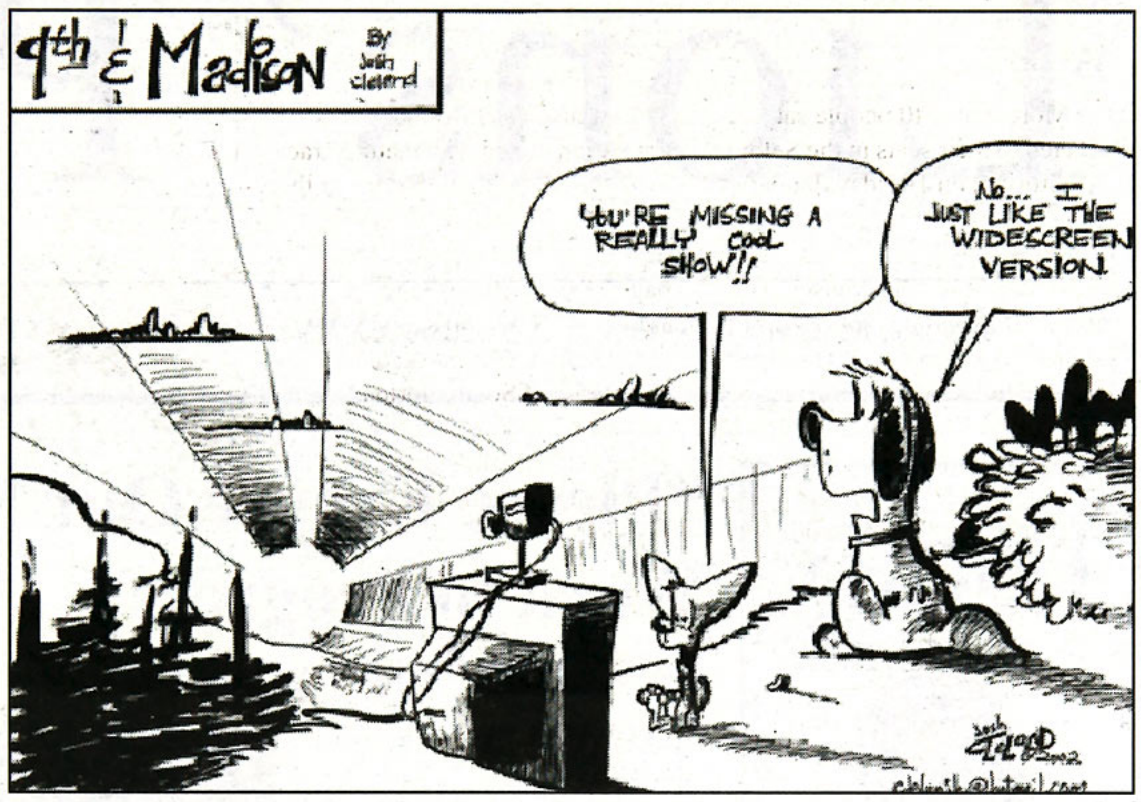
Step 4: Action — Make the change. Use predetermined alternatives for the behavior, avoid high-risk cues (risky situations where we might break our resolution), and hopefully receive social support for the effort.

Step 5: Maintenance — We maintain the change for six months. By now it is just another good habit. Stick to it.

People routinely move forward and backward through the steps until the change is finally maintained. This is normal. Do not be too hard on yourself, and do not get over-enthusiastic. Personal Trainers in the American Council on Exercise say that is the first way to get off-track.

If you don't want to feel like a number adding to that count of failed promises, think things through, reward yourself for good work, and stay focused. Set attainable goals: aim for two weeks, then bump it up to eight weeks, and eventually six months.

Come July, you'll feel like a new person. Or maybe just a person who stopped getting parking tickets, throwing stuff while at the movies, or slipping on ice in public (some of my past resolutions, none of which worked).



College Experiences Provide Knowledge, Foundation for Life

BY JULIE HUVAL
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas - "It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness," Charles Dickens begins in A Tale of Two Cities. It seems very likely that Dickens could be talking about college.

While most people agree that college is a time of intellectual growth and gathering knowledge, it is also a time of growing independence. Independence comes with some of life's problems and the solutions to those problems.

College is also freedom. Freedom from high school life, parents, chores and the annoying people left behind in the hometown. And yet, college creates more than individuality. It creates a world of similarity.

Students slowly began to see that they exhibit more of their parents' traits than they might like or are ready for. Chores begin to become a part of an enjoyable Saturday afternoon. The annoying people from home are still there, but then you realize annoying people live next door as well.

College is supposed to be some magical world that high school seniors go to in order to become mature adults. Professors wave a magical wand over a classroom and the students become reliable, responsible and dedicated.

Then reality sets in. College delays the inevitability of accepting full responsibility, at the risk of a tad more dependence on Mom and Dad's bottomless pockets, and having to make one's own way in the real world. Many graduates will say they learned more in two weeks on the job than four years in college.

Some see their time at college as four years to spend looking for the significant other who actually paid attention in class and gets the job that can support the two of them in their fairy-tale life after leaving the collegiate institution.

On the other hand, college has a lot to offer those who are seeking knowledge and guidance from the professors that take pride in their work and dedicate their expertise to benefiting students. Those rare students who attend college to increase their knowledge are the ones that will enjoy their life to the fullest and will look back at college as something worthwhile. Higher learning is an integral part of America's foundation and the right to use it has increased the standard of living for many individuals.

However, the rest of the student population slowly lurks from weekend to weekend searching for the next best thing. They have not yet determined why their parents made them go to college or why they rack their brains with so called "useless" information just to bomb the test.

College is not for the rich who want to delay the responsibility of adulthood. College is not a magical key that will make life easier. Diplomas are not contracts that guarantee each graduate with a stable job and an exact future.

College is a time of learning, sacrifice and forcing oneself to take a long, hard look within and question traditional thought. It prepares a person for a job that they will find fulfilling and instills the knowledge that success is achieved through hard work and perseverance.

The best times at college are those spent with friends, or during the relief of knowing that a course was passed or going to the classes that most other feared to take and ultimately learning from them.

The worst times are the midterms that were not studied for, meeting wonderful people who graduate and move away and figuring out life's lesson the hard way: alone.

As the journey through flashes by, remember that there is more to it than looking good and making a 4.0. We live in a country that allows the freedom of personal thought, and college is intended to cultivate that.

George Lorimer, the editor of The Saturday Evening Post from 1899 to 1936, put it best when he said, "the aim of the college, for the individual student, is to eliminate the need in his life for the college; the task is to help him become a self-educating man."

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Russian Opera Singer Thaws Saint Leo's Winter

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More than 140 people sat riveted to their seats in the Selby Auditorium on Tuesday, January 21. These people's ears were permanently altered by the voice of one artist, Yelena Lewenson. Her soprano voice rang through the auditorium. The Russian singer seemed to know both the hearts and minds of her diverse audience.

At the beginning of her performance Lewenson gave a short speech about the songs she would sing and a brief history of opera and herself. Then between each song, she gave a brief synopsis. Her first song, "Ludmila's Kavatina," told the story of a princess who must choose between three suitors.

Lewenson showed her talents within nanoseconds. She could bring any music enthusiast to tears of joy, and then to uproarious laughter, as she did to June Hammond, D.M. Assistant Professor of Fine Arts.

"She is great," Hammond said, referring to both Lewenson's personality and performance.

Lewenson's child-like animation mixed with mature grace made her more than the star of the evening. She easily warmed the hearts of all who saw her. Even her page-turner, Tiffany Jones, a student of Hammod's, and piano player Allan Armstrong, of the University of South Florida, seemed to bask in her glow.

Lewenson faltered only once during her performance. She paused mid-sentence, walked to the piano's music stand, and said, "It happens sometimes," then began again, unscathed. Even her mistake seemed part of the performance. The viewers seemed either not to notice or not to care that she had faltered. As Hammond said, "Who cares?"

In an interview after her performance, Lewenson said she had been singing for as long as she could remember, and she had played every character she sings about, and was sometimes reduced to "…tears for my characters…" during her performance.

Yelena Lewenson enthralls her audience in Selby Auditorium. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)

Lewenson later explained that she currently speaks three languages fluently and is preparing to perform in Israel. She is unsure whether she would return to Russia any time soon.

Lewenson made her operatic debut with the Exprompt Opera Theater in Moscow, Russia. She has been a critically acclaimed favorite artist with the Expromopt Opera Theater for four seasons where she has also won a nomination for the Golden Mask '97 Award.

This singer whose voice more than surpassed Disney's "Snow White," seems to have impacted Saint Leo University in more ways than one. As one passing student said, " I didn't think I could like opera."

Tournament of the Minds Challenges Saint Leo University Students to Place Brain Over Brawn

College Bowl heats up for second year; team prepares to win at Valdosta State

BY JESSICA WILLIAMS
Co-Editor

Jeopardy anyone? There is just something about quiz games that intrigue people. With the College Bowl, this was seen.

On December 5, the second annual College Bowl tournament was held in Selby Auditorium. Two teams competed for the first place prize of $145 and to travel to the regional tournament in February. McTague's Nightmare consisted of Mark DeNote, Barbara Giuliano, Jay Kubica, John Van Hezewyk, and Kevin Durette. The competition was Clio's Children, which included Gary Glassman, F. David Brennan, Shallyn Simmons, Amber Davis, and Michael Wisman.

The games began at 3:00 p.m. with Dr. Jerome Williams, professor of chemistry, serving as moderator and Dr. Randy Criss, professor of science, as judge. Three games were played. McTague's Nightmare won the first game, Clio's Children won the second, and McTague's Nightmare won the last round. Dr. Kathryn Duncan, English professor, took over the last round as moderator. Clio's Children did not leave empty-handed. The team won $50 in gift certificates.

Last year the College Bowl was put together at the last minute. The regional tournament was held in Montgomery, Alabama last year, and Saint Leo University placed seventh among such schools as the University of Florida and Florida State University. This year, the tournament was held in Valdosta, Georgia from February 21-23. With more time to practice this year, it is hoped that the team performed much better.

"I have strong expectations for the SLU College Bowl team this year. Unforunately, we lost our team captain and regional tournament MVP, Sean Marshall, last year, but we have recruited two freshmen who are very strong in areas that we lacked last season. It is difficult to predict how we will perform in this year's ACU-I Regional in Valdosta, Georgia, because all of the teams for the tournament have not been identified," explained Dr. Kevin Kieffer, professor of psychology.

The competition was sponsored by Academic and Student Affairs. Thanks to the generous donations from Outback Steakhouse, Remington's Steakhouse, and Tires Plus, prizes

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SLU Alumni Takes Risk to work for ESPN

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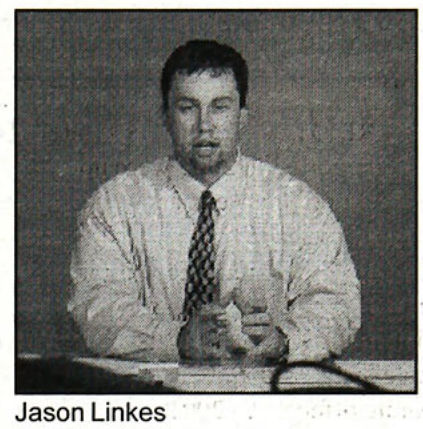
While at Saint Leo University, Jason starred on the baseball field and in the classroom. Injuries curtailed a minor league baseball career. His classroom training, though, allowed him to move quickly into a sales job in Pittsburgh with Simplex. Company reorganization necessitated a move to Airborne Express in Chicago, where he eventually became a top five representative nationally for Airborne based on sales.

Yet, his success did not diminish his first love: sports. During Dan Patrick's ESPN afternoon radio broadcast, Jason heard Patrick mention an ESPN vice president's name. He immediately composed a letter explaining why a sports fanatic like himself should work at ESPN. He received a response two days later, and flew to ESPN headquarters in Connecticut two weeks later.

In order to watch Monday Night Football, he flew out the night before the interview, September 10, 2001. Tuesday morning before his interview, he went to a realtor to look at housing and arrived to witness the second plane crashing into the World Trade Center. He proceeded directly to ESPN. Because of the events, he conducted only one of his scheduled interviews. With commercial aviation halted, Jason drove a rental car to Pittsburgh, where his parents live, and went on to Chicago the next day. He conducted telephone interviews the following week to complete the ESPN interview process. A job offer came the next week. His dream job, though, came with a 70% pay cut. As a production assistant, he edits film clips for broadcast during ESPN telecasts.

However, being an ESPN employee opened doors for him in broadcasting. He began broadcasting high school hockey, moved into Arena Football, and recently completed the USA Junior Hockey Showcase, in all, over 100 games. And, currently, he does a local television sports talk show that is simulcast on the Internet every Sunday night ("Sports Rap with Jason Linkes," on sportsjuice.com at 8:00 p.m.) and a Fox Sports' radio program broadcast only in Connecticut. Although his talk shows require copious preparation, remarkably, according to Jason, the programs are like the conversations he had with Saint Leo students at Beef-O-Brady's any Sunday afternoon while watching football.

For current students, he offers this advice: enjoy college life; it


Jason Linkes

really is a great time. He misses the closeness of the campus and how he knew everyone on-campus. Also, more importantly, do not be afraid to try something new, even if it appears foolish initially. He never envisioned getting the job at ESPN or having his own talk show.

Jason eventually wants to broadcast games for his hometown University of Pittsburgh. Until that time, he will continue gaining experience. He has become a valuable commodity in broadcasting, having been offered seven jobs in the last year alone.

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residence halls and part of the fence surrounding the baseball field was taken down. Also, noise levels have increased around the construction site.

"It may be a little loud at times, as the trucks mix concrete and the buildings are built," Dr. Dadez stated. "But those activities will take place during the day, and even at the loudest, it still won't be louder than a stereo in the residence halls at night."

The residence halls are still slated to be completed by the beginning of August. According to Dr. Dadez, American Campus Communities have never missed a deadline and are completely on track.

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four true stories told by four of the Samaritans; and afterwards, Open Forum with Dr. Evelyn Vitale, Director of Counseling Services. "I think that the Reality Check hit home for most people because it showed the audience the real experiences other people went through. It also sent a powerful message about what could happen to them if they drink too much alcohol or experiment with drugs," stated Karen Christie, fellow Samaritan.

The four stories told by Connie Sliger, Michelle Bonner, Katie Etchison and T.J. Demetrio about the effects of drugs and alcohol on their friends and family members came from experiences that directly affected them. The emotions were real, and the stories were very traumatic. It took a lot of courage for the four of them to get up and tell their stories.

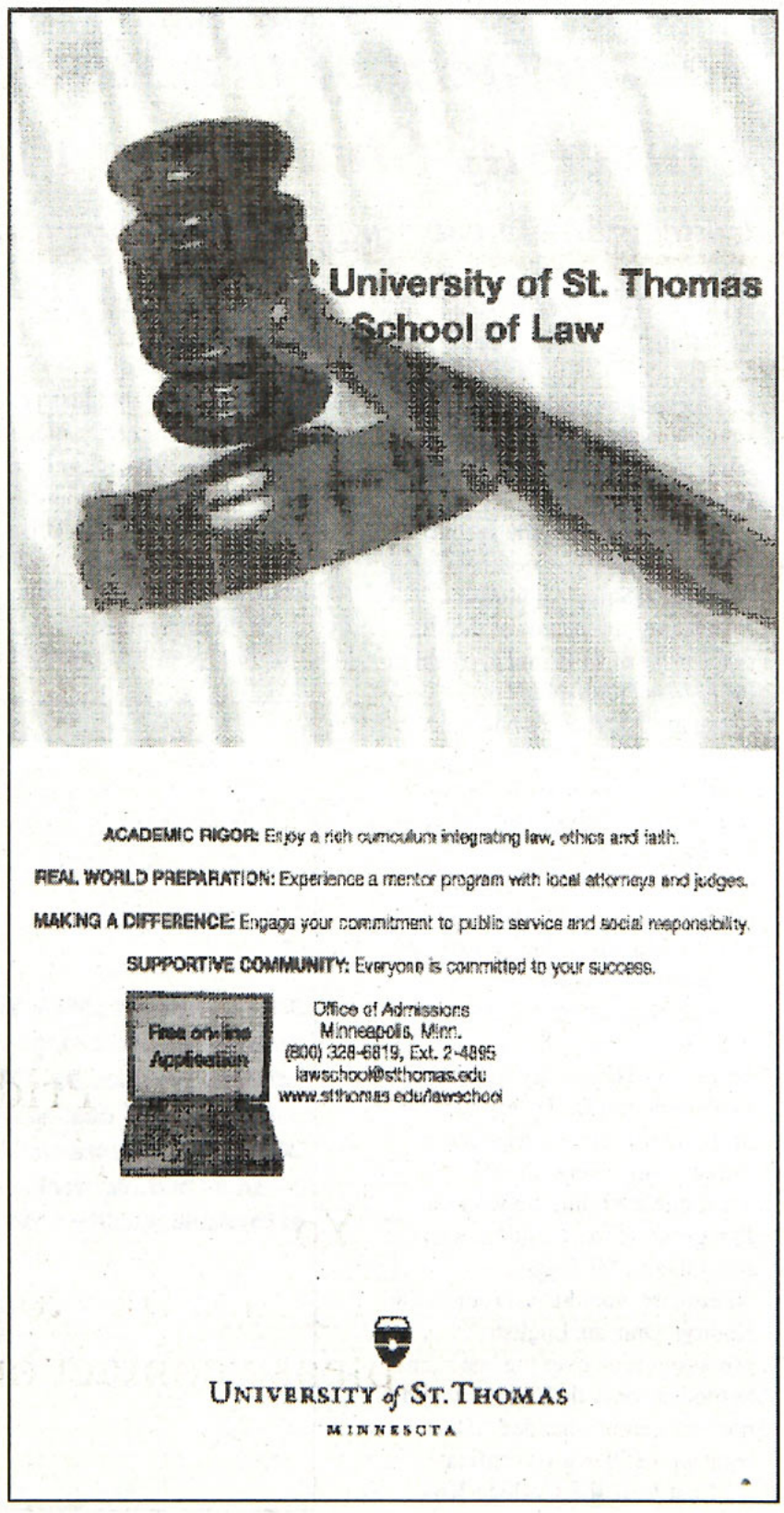
"I think it had a good impact on all of the students. All the students seemed interested in the stories, and I think it made them think how alcohol can impact others' lives," declared Katie Etchison, Samaritan Chaplain.

The idea for the program developed in one of The Samaritans' meetings when they were asked to brainstorm ideas for having "a good and effective way to get the message across to the students," to paraphrase Rose Bentley of The Harbor Behavioral Healthcare Institute. After a few moments of deliberation, Christy Dickerson suggested a game show that would be exactly like the Jeopardy game show on television. The Samaritans liked that idea, and so they decided to call it Drug jeopardy.

The Harbor Behavioral Healthcare Institute, The Samaritans, and the Saint Leo Counseling Center sponsored the Drug Jeopardy program. The Harbor is an outreach prevention program. Rose Bentley and Gil Moralis of The Harbor enjoyed doing this program and working with The Samaritans so much that they would like to return and do it again. " It was an outreach prevention program that we did with The Samaritans and Dr. Vitale," Bentley said. "We used Drug Jeopardy as an introduction to creating lasting family connections, a free program that we offer here at The Harbor.

The Samaritans who participated in the program were happy to see that all of their hard work paid off. The people who came enjoyed themselves as well as the food.

" Drug Jeopardy gave the participants and the audience an opportunity for both education and reflection." Connie Sliger, Samaritan Advisor, said. " It was an experience that they won't forget."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FBI Finds Increase in Reported Hate Crimes Since 2001

BY COURTNEY LEWIS
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS - Hate crimes reported in 2001 were up from the previous year, according to recently released FBI figures.

The FBI gathered information from state and local agencies nationally to find 9,730 hate-related incidents involving 11,451 separate offenses in 2001.

FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said offenses are usually higher than incidences because several offenses can happen in one criminal situation.

"For example, if there was a rape and an aggravated assault, that's two separate offenses but only one incident," Bresson said.

These numbers increased from the 8,063 incidents and 9,430 offenses reported nationwide in 2000, Bresson said.

Bresson said much of the increase can be attributed to anti-Islamic hate crimes.

In 2000, 28 crimes were reported against Islamic people. In 2001, the number rose to 481.

According to the report, 99 percent of reported hate crimes were motivated by one bias. Most of them were instigated by racial or ethnic bias.

Forty-five percent of single-bias incidents were racially motivated, 21.6 percent were products of bias against ethnicities and 18.8 percent resulted from religious bias. Crimes occurring against sexual orientations accounted for 14.3 percent, and 0.4 percent occurred because of a disability bias.

According to the FBI, most of the crimes involve intimidation or result in bodily harm or death threats. Ten homicides occurred in 2001 that the FBI classified as hate-driven crimes. Five homicides were connected to ethnic or national origin bias, four were racially driven and one was attributed to a sexual orientation prejudice.

Approximately 10 percent of reported hate crimes happened at schools or colleges.

The FBI defines hate crimes as a criminal offense committed against a person, property or society, which is motivated in whole or in part by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity or national origin.

Bresson said many factors account for the rise in hate crimes.

"It's difficult to determine what this means," Bresson said. "It's affected by population density and variation, cultural factors, religious characteristics and influences and the effectiveness of law enforcement agencies."

The FBI has been collecting hate crime statistics for 10 years. General crime reports have been gathered annually since 1930.

Bresson said there are approximately 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationally, and 11,987 contributed to the 2001 hate crime statistics report.

Not all police agencies collect their state and local hate crime numbers. Bresson said it usually takes longer to compile those statistics than for other crimes.

Saint Leo's new residence halls are being constructed on a hilltop overlooking Lake Jovita, behind the baseball field and Henderson Hall.

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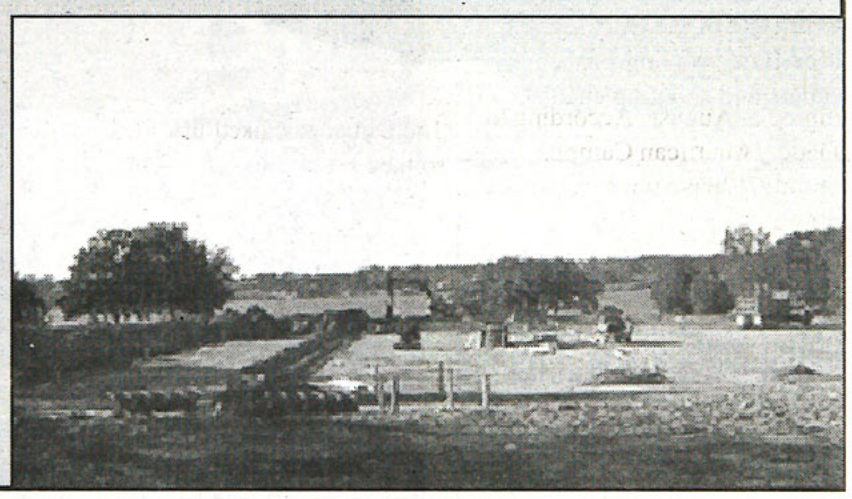

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19 Protesters Arrested at U. Colorado-area Military Base

BY MARIA BONDES
Colorado Daily (U. Colorado)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. - The first time she was arrested for an act of civil disobedience was many years ago, just days before the Gulf War started, when she was still an English professor at the University of Colorado, Marilyn Krysl remembers.

At that time, along with three other CU faculty members, she put on her academic robe and protested at the Boulder Recruiting Center.

Now retired from CU, Krysl was arrested a second time — on Saturday at the Buckley Air Force Base in Denver — along with 18 other antiwar protesters just days before another Gulf War might start.

The protesters joined activists across the nation in a series of acts of civil disobedience.

"I think that civil disobedience is a symbolic moral gesture, one of the ways in which we try to get the attention of our congress people and leaders in Washington. It's a symbolic way of saying 'War is a bad idea,'" Krysl said.

The arrests followed a peaceful rally at which about 250 activists lined the street at the North Gate of the Buckley Air Force Base, waving peace banners and shouting chants to "illustrate the connections between the space-based intelligence systems and war-targeting functions of this base," according to organizers from the Boulder-based Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center.

Some of the associated companies at Buckley, like Lockheed-Martin, are among the largest military contractors in the world, they said.

"I think there are an awful lot of people who know that right now is an extremely critical time for pressuring the U.S. government to back off given the different dynamics that are happening in regard to the U.N.," said organizer Carolyn Bninski from RMPJC. "They are not getting the kind of support that they want in the world and we need to continue to show that they are not getting support from their own people either."

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A smaller group of activists then went on to block the street into the base that ultimately led to the arrests of seven Boulder protesters and 12 others. The arrestees were charged with failure to obey a lawful order, punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a $999 fine.

For Boulder resident Peter Dillon, it was the first time he engaged in civil disobedience, an act he calls his "civil duty."

"We were trying to make people aware that we are not sitting by idly while a Supreme Court-appointed leader runs wild," Dillon said. "We want the world to act together — not the world's most powerful nation doing what it wants, and we are willing to put ourselves in harm's way (for that.)"

The action was arranged with police in advance and both sides said they were content with the outcome. "Police were very, very nice to us," Krysl said. "They were perfect gentlemen. I'd like to encourage more people to do civil disobedience, because it's really quite easy here."

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Entertainment

CD Review: Harper Polishes off Another Diamond of an Album

BY REID COPLOFF
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - No one seems to create originality out of unoriginal elements quite like Ben Harper.

Mixing a soul-god voice with incendiary classic rock guitar riffs and stirring in bits of funk, gospel, blues and folk, Harper develops a sound that is all his own without ever having to come up with anything himself.

With his latest release, "Diamonds on the Inside," Harper demonstrates his signature style excellently. Right when you think you have him pigeonholed into guitar rock or blues rock, he explodes with a song that jets off in another direction.

Harper's upbeat energy and emotion-drenched lyrics hold the entire album together through genre-bending exercise after exercise, keeping "Diamonds" remarkably cohesive.

The whole thing kicks off with the funk stutter of "With My Own Two Hands," an uplifting story of "making the world a better place." With this opening track, Harper gives his listener a message song in which the message does not drown out the music and the music does not drown out the message. The song is a perfect advertisement for the rest of the album, whetting the listener's appetite for more of the same.

Harper's delve into funk produces some of the album's highest and lowest points. On "Brown-Eyed Blues" he emits bouncy and catchy funk guitar bursts that swirl into a danceable sing-along. However, the following track, "Bring the Funk," bounds along aimlessly in a repetitively uninteresting manner.

On "So High So Low," Harper jams out with a surprisingly hard rock number. The rollicking track comes in the middle of several slower songs and serves as a refreshing reminder of just how diverse Harper's musical talents are.

The folk songs on the album are easily the most consistent. "Amen Omen" stretches on for nearly six fascinating minutes, as Harper's voice slowly enchants the listener during the verses, then expressively rises and falls during the chorus. "When It's Good" finds Harper shuttling through an upbeat, organic, folk passage accented by background vocals that sound as if they were recorded around a campfire.

The dullest moments of the album come from the gospel tracks, which are predominantly just plain uninteresting. "Blessed to Be a Witness" does nothing to capture the listener's attention, meandering along at a languid pace.

Probably the worst track on the album is "Picture of Jesus." The song uses African chants to blend with Harper's gospel drawl, but it ends up sounding like a rejected Ocean Spray commercial.

The songs on "Diamonds on the Inside" are, with a few exceptions, very good. There's no breakthrough hit like "Steal My Kisses," but then again, the genre-journey that Harper provides with this album is much more interesting than any glossy three-minute single.

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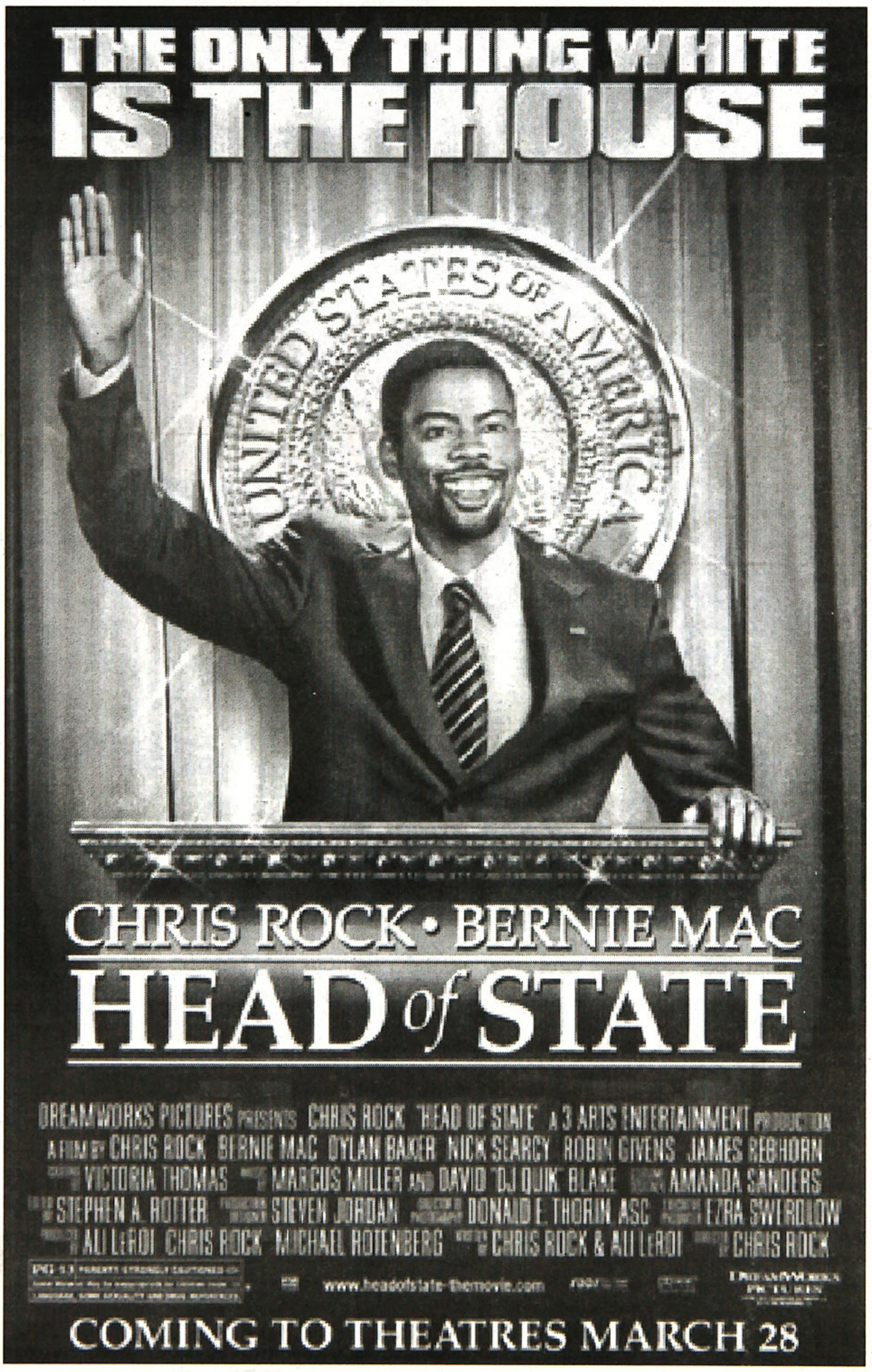
were available.

Further, Kieffer stated, "I believe the strengths of these 5 players nicely complement one another, but we still could use someone who is extraordinarily strong in all sciences that also has an expansive knowledge of all things sports-related. This continues to be an area of marginal weakness for us."

For anyone interested in the College Bowl contact Dr. Kevin Kieffer at extension 8306.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Personal Finance Provides Hurdle for Graduates

BY LIZ MATTHEWS
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(U-WIRE) EMPORIA, Kan. - After spending a semester straddling college life and the real world, December graduates are a few short weeks from taking the plunge into life after college.

While all graduates take different paths to jobs or graduate work, each have a similar hurdle to face: personal finances.

"As they're thrust into the real world, [graduates] are looking at their independence and rent, financial aid [and] car payments," said Tom Thompson, president of Lyon County State Bank. "There are many issues that face students."

Personal finance is defined by www.egrad.com as "every aspect of your life that deals with money — everything from buying a ticket to the movies to finding an affordable apartment."

Two of the first items recent graduates look to address are financial aid with repayment plan and a new car, Thompson said. While tackling financial aid is a good idea, he recommends holding off on the vehicle.

"A new vehicle depreciates very quickly [in value] in the first year," he said. "Students should have patience, drive the old clunker for six months and make sure they can put aside enough each month for payments."

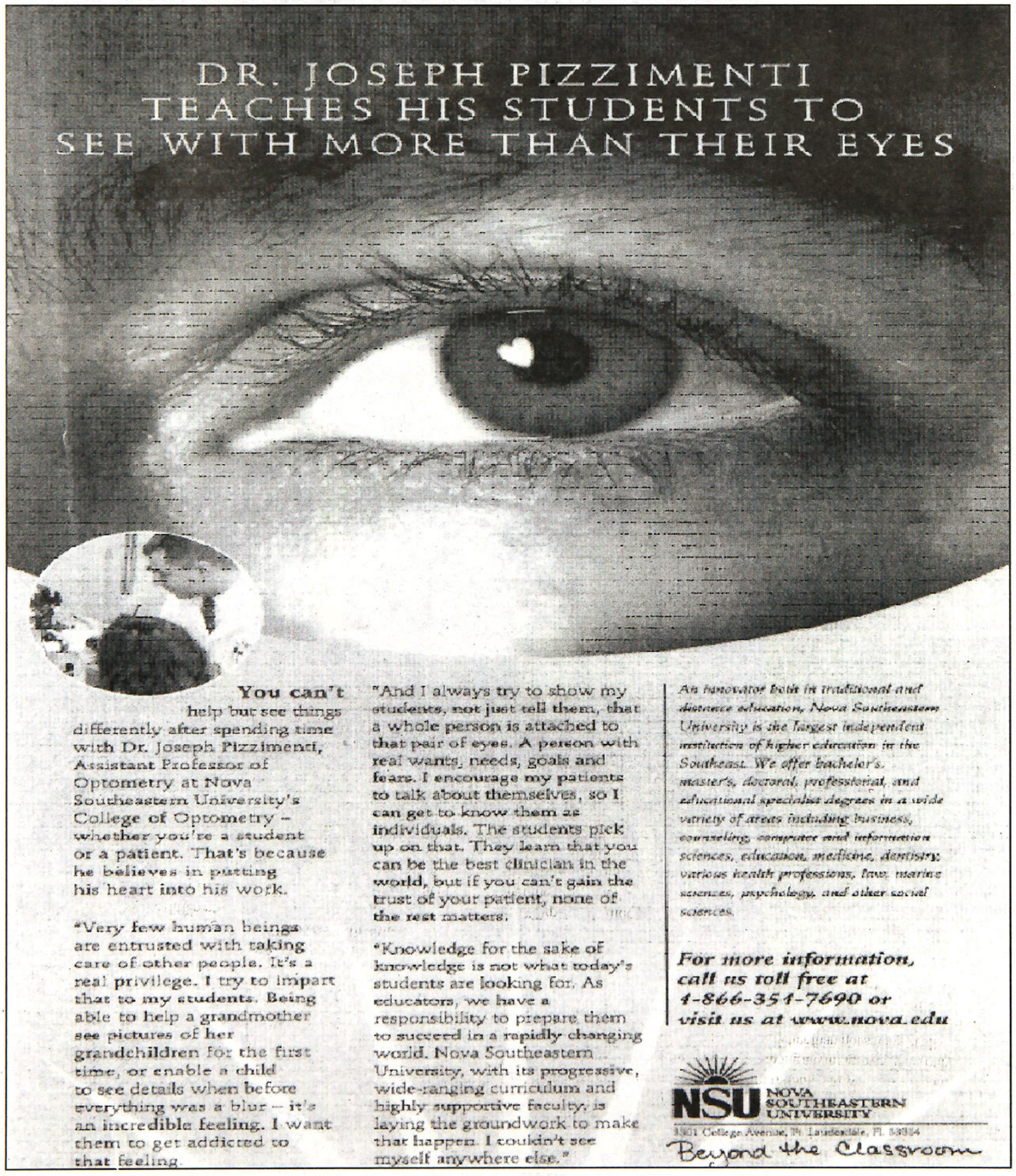
Putting aside a monthly payment helps determine what range a person can afford before any contracts are signed and creates a bank of money for a down payment.

"Typically, students go out and get the payment then they realize it's too much for their comfort level," Thompson said. "They should establish themselves first in their positions and their needs then get the luxury items."

Retirement is also something students should start looking at as soon as they get their first job. Thompson recommends putting aside 10 percent a month, and www.egrad.com says saving anything, even if it's only a little, is better than not saving at all.

"They should start on the first job," Thompson said. "We feel as if we always have time to prepare for retirement when we're 20, but then you're 30, you're 40 and you haven't started saving." Perhaps the biggest way to conquer questions about personal finances is to get informed.

From classes at the university like personal finance to talking it over with parents or friends, knowing the terminology can be beneficial in understanding the world of economics.



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"Very few human beings are entrusted with taking care of other people. It's a real privilege. I try to impart that to my students. Being able to help a grandmother see pictures of her grandchildren for the first time, or enable a child to see details when before everything was a blur – it's an incredible feeling. I want them to get addicted to that feeling.

"And I always try to show my students, not just tell them, that a whole person is attached to that pair of eyes. A person with real wants, needs, goals and fears. I encourage my patients to talk about themselves, so I can get to know them as individuals. The students pick up on that. They learn that you can be the best clinician in the world, but if you can't gain the trust of your patient, none of the rest matters.

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